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TO: Ravalli County Commissioners

FROM: George H. Corn

DATE: February 28, 2007

RE: Property Transfer between Government Entities; Victor Fire

Dear Commissioners,

After researching the issue of governmental property transfers under § 7-8-101, MCA, it is my opinion that the proposed transfer of property from Ravalli County to the Victor Fire Department would be valid under the following conditions.

Because the statute specifically provides for the "sale or trade" of property, Victor Fire will have to trade the proposed piece of property for the piece of property Ravalli County is transferring. Additionally, Glenda asked about a stipulation that as soon as the property transferred from Ravalli County to Victor Fire ceases to be used for a fire hall the property would revert back to the County. This can be done; however, it will need to be addressed if you decide to go through with the transfer.

cc: Alex Beal